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SUBJECT: CAMBODIAN NAVAL SHIPS

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1. WE ARE PROCEEDING TO DISCUSS WITH PHILIPPINE
AUTHORITIES THE MANNER IN WHICH WE WILL HANDLE THE
CAMBODIAN VESSELS WHICH ARE EXPECTED IMMINENTLY TO SEEK
ENTRY AT SUBIC. WE WILL INFORM GOP THAT U.S. NAVY
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OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO ASSERT TITLE TO THE SHIPS,

AND WILL SEEK PHILIPPINE AGREEMENT TO LET THEM ENTER SUBIC BAY.

2. IF PHILIPPINE AUTHORITIES ARE TO CONCUR IN OUR REQUEST, WE MUST EXPECT THAT THEY WILL INSIST U.S. GOVERNMENT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR REMOVING CAMBODIAN CREWS AND PASSENGERS IMMEDIATELY FROM PHILIPPINE SOIL. THEREFORE, WE WILL NEED AUTHORITY TO ASSURE GOP THAT ALL CAMBODIANS ABOARD THESE SHIPS WILL BE FLOWN WITHOUT DELAY TO GUAM OR OTHER STAGING AREA PENDING THEIR DISPOSITION.

3. OUR CURRENT INSTRUCTIONS ON HANDLING CAMBODIANS DO NOT RPT NOT APPEAR TO ENCOMPASS SUCH AUTHORITY. WE WILL THEREFORE REQUIRE EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS CASE BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS APRIL 30.

4. IN EVENT WE CAN NOT RPT NOT GIVE SUCH ASSURANCES, WE WOULD ASSUME THAT PHILIPPINE NAVY WILL INTERCEPT CAMBODIAN VESSELS BEFORE THEY ARRIVE AT SUBIC, QUARANTINE THEM TEMPORARILY IN SAME MANNER AS MALAYSIA, AND SUBSEQUENTLY PROVIDE THEM WITH FUEL AND PROVISIONS FOR ONWARD VOYAGE TO SOME OTHER PORT, PROBABLY IN TAIWAN.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY WHETHER WE MAY FORWARD CAMBODIANS WITHOUT DOCUMENTATION TO GUAM IN

ORDER TO ASSERT TITLE TO VESSELS IN SUBIC. IF ANSWER IS NEGATIVE, PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER U.S. NAVY AND/OR USAID MAY ASSIST WITH FUEL AND PROVISIONS FOR THESE VESSELS TO MOVE ONWARD TO TAIWAN.
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